LOYALTY and DISLOYALTY

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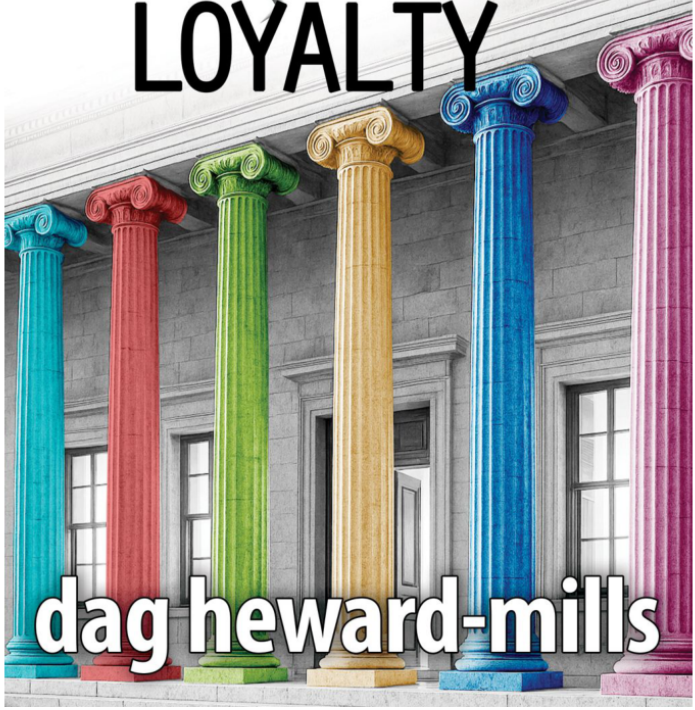

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Proverbs 20:28 (ERV)

Chapter 1
Loyalty Will Keep Your Kingdom Strong

A king who is LOYAL and true will keep his power. LOYALTY will keep his kingdom strong.

Proverbs 20:28 (ERV)

Most of the Book of Proverbs is attributed to King Solomon. Proverbs 20:28 was therefore written by the wisest man in the world. The wisest man in the world promoted the teaching on loyalty. The wisest man in the world, who became the richest man in the world, declared that loyalty will keep your kingdom strong.

King Solomon gives us many good reasons to teach about the wisdom of loyalty and faithfulness. Loyalty and faithfulness are revealed as a kind of wisdom that creates and builds stability into whatever you are doing.

Wisdom is the principal thing for your ministry. Therefore, the wisdom of loyalty is a principal thing for your ministry. Through the wisdom of teaching on the subjects of faithfulness and loyalty, you will create and build a large, stable, worldwide ministry. Do not be misled by miserable, treacherous men who do not want you to teach about "Those who leave you", "Those who pretend", "Those who accuse you", "Those who are ignorant", "Those who forget" and "Those who slander". Emphasize your teachings on "Those who make shipwreck", "Those who are dangerous sons", "Those who rebel", "Those who are proud", "Those who dishonour you", "Those who are offended" and "Those who are devils". These teachings are the wisdom of loyalty and disloyalty.

It is Solomon, the wisest man on earth, who showed us that loyalty will keep a kingdom strong. If you want to build a big and stable church, then feed your congregation on these amazing subjects.

You cannot keep your church strong, stable, and united without emphasizing faithfulness and loyalty. Solomon had this wisdom and wrote the Book of Proverbs. Solomon used his great wisdom to build a world-famous kingdom and ministry.

In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee…. Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that THERE WAS NONE LIKE THEE BEFORE THEE, NEITHER AFTER THEE SHALL ANY ARISE LIKE UNTO THEE.

1 Kings 3:5, 12

A king who is loyal will keep his power. A pastor who is loyal will maintain his relevance and his position in the ministry. A pastor who is not loyal to his church members will lose his power. A pastor who is not loyal will lose his members and his control over the flock.

Loyalty helps a king or leader to remain in power and maintain a strong position of leadership.

Solomon remained in a position of strength and built a worldwide ministry through the wisdom of loyalty which he wrote about.

And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life...FOR HE HAD DOMINION OVER ALL THE REGION ON THIS SIDE THE RIVER, FROM TIPHSAH EVEN TO AZZAH, OVER ALL THE KINGS ON THIS SIDE THE RIVER: AND HE HAD PEACE ON ALL SIDES ROUND ABOUT HIM. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 4:21, 24-25

Loyalty makes the kingdom and the church strong. That is what Solomon sought to teach and share when he wrote Proverbs 20:28! Loyalty makes a kingdom strong! Loyalty makes a church strong! When a church is filled with disloyal people and disloyal leaders, there is confusion, criticism, murmuring and division.

LOYALTY and truth watch over the king, And he upholds his throne by LOYALTY.

Proverbs 20:28 (NASB)

Loyalty and mercy, truth and faithfulness, protect the king, And he upholds his throne by lovingkindness.

Proverbs 20:28 (AMP)

I remember a church that was once the leading light in a city. As the years went by, many people did not stay faithful and loyal to the ministry. This church became filled with critical, murmuring, and complaining people. As people complained and slandered the church (the kingdom), it grew weaker until it lost its relevance in the city.

Loyalty will keep a kingdom strong! Loyalty will keep a church strong! Do not be dissuaded by miserable men who do not want you to teach about loyalty and disloyalty. Do not be confused by losers who do not want you to describe them in your clear biblical teachings.

Do not be misled by wretched breakaway individuals who do not want you to teach about “Those who leave you”, “Those who pretend”, “Those who accuse you”, “Those who are ignorant”, “Those who forget”, “Those who slander”, “Those who make shipwreck”, “Those who are dangerous sons”, “Those who rebel”, “Those who are proud”, “Those who dishonour you”, “Those who are offended”, or “Those who are devils”.

Chapter 2
Loyalty Leads to Life, Righteousness and Honour

One who pursues righteousness and LOYALTY, finds life, righteousness, and honour.

Proverbs 21:21 (NASB)

King Solomon received wisdom from God. Solomon's revelation of wisdom is written in the Book of Proverbs. Solomon used his great wisdom to build a world-famous kingdom and ministry.

King Solomon revealed that it is important to pursue and seek loyalty all the time.

King Solomon revealed that pursuing loyalty will lead to a ministry with life, a ministry with righteousness, and a ministry with honour.

Many churches are dying because they did not pursue, teach, explain, or introduce the subject of loyalty to the congregation. There are three clear benefits of teaching loyalty that are listed in this amazing scripture.

1. Loyalty leads to a ministry with life.

Pursue loyalty to God! Faithfulness to your call will extend your life so that you can fulfil your ministry. Pursue loyalty and righteousness and find life for your ministry and church.

The first benefit of pursuing, teaching, explaining, introducing and emphasizing loyalty is life! Your faithfulness to the Great Commission will make you a saviour of men! Death comes to all ministries and churches when they are not faithful to the Great Commission.

To be faithful is to be constant and persistent to the call of God! When a church moves away from the Great Commission, it changes a lot and ends up dying. All dead churches are dead because they were not faithful and loyal to the main duty of Christians, which is to win souls and build churches. Churches die because they are not loyal to Jesus and to His words. Loyalty leads to life! Loyalty will give life to your life! Loyalty will give life to your ministry!

2. Loyalty leads to a ministry with righteousness.

Pursue loyalty and prevent the sons of your ministry from becoming devils. Jesus said, "One of you is a devil." You must prevent your team members from becoming devils. Pursue loyalty, and righteousness will follow!

The majority of your team members will be protected from becoming devils because you teach about loyalty and disloyalty. Pursuing, teaching, explaining, introducing, and emphasizing loyalty will lead to righteousness in the leadership.

By teaching about loyalty and faithfulness, people develop a good character. They are guided away from wickedness and treachery. When you teach people loyalty, they are encouraged to remain the same, to remain faithful, and to remain good, loyal servants of the Lord.

Pursuing loyalty definitely leads to righteousness. Through the teachings of loyalty, people avoid the wretchedness of rebellion, and many people are helped to never become miserable prodigal sons.

3. Loyalty leads to a ministry with honour.

Pursue loyalty and prevent the sons of your ministry from becoming disloyal and dangerous sons.

The chief benefit of pursuing, teaching, explaining, introducing and emphasizing loyalty is honour. Pursue loyalty and let the people in your church become those who honour fathers, those who honour pastors, and those who honour their prophets.

Demonized people do not honour their fathers. When people are not taught the Word, they quickly become influenced by demons and are ready to dishonour, to betray, to destroy and to attack their leaders.

Jesus answered, I HAVE NOT A DEVIL; BUT I HONOR MY FATHER, and ye do dishonour me.

John 8:49

Leaders who do not teach about loyalty are constantly dishonoured, disgraced and vilified by their followers. When people are taught to be faithful, they honour their parents, their pastors and their leaders. When people are taught about loyalty, they learn how to speak properly and honour those who deserve honour, instead of becoming naturally critical and independent.

Chapter 3
Loyalty Is a Treasure

Many a person proclaims his own LOYALTY, But who can find a trustworthy person?

Proverbs 20:6 (NASB)

Who can find a diamond in the field? Who can find a faithful man in the church? A loyal person is a treasure in the field. Many people in church claim to be loyal but it is difficult to find a truly faithful, loyal and trustworthy person. Because of this, loyalty and faithfulness are treasures you must seek for in people. If you have a faithful person, you have a treasure! A truly loyal person is a special treasure given to you by God.

Treachery, disloyalty and unfaithfulness are common manifestations of human nature today. That is why we say, "Who can find a faithful man?" It is like saying, "Who can find a diamond for us in this field?"

Who can find a faithful man? Who can find a trustworthy person? Who can find a diamond? Who can find a treasure in this field? What do these statements mean? They mean that a faithful and trustworthy person is not a common thing.

These statements also mean that disloyalty is pervasive. You must therefore expect to experience disloyalty rather than faithfulness from human beings. This is why Jesus did not commit Himself to anyone.

But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,

John 2:24

In the end, Jesus was right not to commit Himself to anyone. Judas betrayed Him! Peter betrayed Him! All the other disciples forsook Him! "And they all forsook him, and fled" (Mark 14:50). Jesus was left completely alone! And that is why He had decided that He would simply not trust any of them.

Why is it so difficult to find a faithful person? It is because the human race is polluted and destroyed by our contact with the serpent. By one man's disobedience, sin, corruption and evil have entered into the human race.

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Romans 5:19

The nature of the devil is deception, wickedness, unfaithfulness, murder, treachery, duality, duplicity, hypocrisy and betrayal. The sin and the seed of the serpent have truly entered the human race and completely destroyed everything. Human beings are now an evil race, totally dominated by deception, war, murder, treachery and all manner of evil. These sins have spread to the whole world and no part of our planet is free of the curse of satanic contamination. That

is why you cannot easily find a faithful person.

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 5:12

It is difficult to find a loyal person whom you can trust, so let us get down to teaching about it so that there will be more loyalty and faithfulness.

The advantage of pursuing, teaching, explaining, introducing and emphasizing loyalty is that it creates more and more trustworthy people. Unless you teach faithfulness and loyalty, your church will be filled with traitors, liars, pretenders, betrayers, deceivers, hypocrites, and duplicitous characters.

Loyalty is truly difficult to find! You may feel you have found loyalty in certain people but at the end of your life, you will discover that the word of God is true - "A faithful man who can find?" (Proverbs 20:6).

I will encourage you to read and teach about faithfulness because a faithful person is difficult to find. Teaching about faithfulness and loyalty will create loyal and faithful people out of the corrupted human race.

Those who forget, those who are disloyal, those who accuse you, those who pretend, those who are mad and those who are dangerous sons will multiply around you if you do not teach these truths.

Unless you teach and emphasize the word of God on this great and important subject, you will suffer at the hands of wolves, Absaloms, Ahithophels, Lucifers, and prodigal sons.

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:29

Chapter 4

Disloyal People Are Like a Morning Cloud

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? FOR YOUR LOYALTY IS LIKE A MORNING CLOUD and like the dew which goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And the judgments on you are like the light that goes forth. For I DELIGHT IN LOYALTY RATHER THAN SACRIFICE, And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:4-5 (NASB95)

Hosea, the prophet, lamented about Israel's loyalty and faithfulness to God. He said their loyalty was like a morning cloud! Morning clouds create the mist and the fog which disappear in a few hours. Ephraim was not able to stay loyal for long. They would make commitments and within a short while, change everything they had said.

They would say: "I love you, I will be with you, I belong to you, I like you, you are my special friend"; but within a short time, everything would change. That is what it means to have morning cloud loyalty.

Today, the whole world is filled with people whose loyalty is like a morning cloud. This is why we must teach about loyalty.

The advantage of pursuing, teaching, explaining, introducing and emphasizing loyalty is that it causes more people to have longer lasting loyalty and faithfulness.

What can you do with a disloyal person? Very little! Ephraim had very little loyalty; a loyalty that departed after a slight rain!

What can you do with a man who will be faithful for a few months? Can you marry him? How many women would be happy to have a man whose loyalty is like a morning cloud? If you, a woman, are not satisfied with morning cloud loyalty, do you think God is? It is time to rise and emphasize this truth of faithfulness and loyalty. We are children of a King. He has entrusted things to us. Our loyalty must not be like a morning cloud.

We must be committed for years! We must be committed to one another for many years! We must be committed to one another for life! Indeed, we must be committed all through our lives!

Beware of disloyalty! You cannot build a church with people who are committed to morning cloud loyalty. Because of the lack of commitment, faithfulness, devotion and loyalty, God says "Therefore I have hewn them in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth". God has only strong rebukes for you because your loyalty is like a morning cloud.

For I desire LOYALTY rather than sacrifice, And the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:6 (NASB)

It is amazing that God prefers loyalty to sacrifices. We all know how God is impressed with sacrifices and yet He says that He prefers faithfulness and loyalty to sacrifice. What an amazing revelation!

Chapter 5
God Has a Case Against Disloyalty

Listen to the word of the Lord, you sons of Israel, Because THE LORD HAS A CASE AGAINST THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND, FOR THERE IS NO FAITHFULNESS, NOR LOYALTY, Nor knowledge of God in the land.

Hosea 4:1 (NASB)

God has a case against all unfaithful people! God has a case against all disloyal people!

That is what the scripture says. I would not want God to have a case against me.

God is building a serious legal case against you for your unfaithfulness and wickedness. You are going to have to answer to God Himself for not being constant and reliable.

Why did you stop being a faithful person?

Heaven has taken notice! Heaven is building a legal civil and criminal case against you now.

God has a case against all pastors who have stopped preaching the gospel.

God made the sun, the moon and the stars! Our earth is only one of the estimated 100 billion to 3.2 trillion planets in the Milky Way.

You and I have only one duty on this earth and it is to save souls! How can we be unreliable and unfaithful to this Great Commission given to us by this great God?

What else are we doing on earth? Why and how could we abandon God's work to do other things? No wonder God has a case against the unfaithful and disloyal.

Truly, God has a case against all pastors who have stopped emphasizing the basic truths of His Word.

God has a case against all pastors who have stopped preaching about missions to the ends of the world.

God has a case against all pastors who have stopped evangelizing.

God has a case against all pastors who have stopped winning souls.

God has a case against all pastors who have stopped visiting the sheep.

God has a case against all pastors who have stopped loving the sheep.

God has a case against those who preach another gospel.

God is watching all the wicked, wretched and miserable Judases and Absaloms in the church who have been unfaithful to their fathers. God has a case against them too. God has a case against rebellious sons!

God has a case against all *orangus** and rebels.

God has a case against all breakaway pastors.

God has a case against all Judas Iscariots.

God has a case against those who pretend.

God has a case against those who deceive.

God has a case against those who are dangerous sons.

God has a case against those who accuse.

God has a case against those who rebel.

God has a case against those who are ignorant.

God has a case against those who think they can destroy their senior pastors.

God has a case against those who are devils to their senior pastors.

God has a case against those who make shipwreck of their ministry.

This is why we teach and emphasize the subject of loyalty and disloyalty! We teach about loyalty because God has a case against anyone who dabbles in disloyalty, unfaithfulness, treachery, wickedness, slander, rebellion and duplicity. Imagine that!

This is why we teach about loyalty! We must teach, explain, preach, emphasize, and promote it - so we don't find ourselves in a position where God Himself has a case against us.

Indeed, the Lord has a case against the inhabitants of the land, FOR THERE IS NO FAITHFULNESS, NOR LOYALTY, nor knowledge of God in the land!

*"Orangu" is a coined term to describe rebellious persons

Chapter 6
Disloyal People Are Like a Faulty Bow

But they put God to the test and rebelled against the Most High; they did not keep his statutes. LIKE THEIR ANCESTORS THEY WERE DISLOYAL AND FAITHLESS, AS UNRELIABLE AS A FAULTY BOW.

Psalm 78:56-57 (NIV)

A faulty bow is undependable - it might look fine, but it fails when needed. Similarly, a disloyal person is an unreliable person. Years ago, bows and arrows were the weapons of choice of the people. Everyone needed his bow to be strong and accurate so that it would shoot the arrows without missing the target. All warriors depended on their bows in time of war. To have a faulty bow was to have a terrible setback, a terrible disappointment and a terrible let-down in time of need. You must not become a disappointment, a setback or a let-down to God and to His work.

There are three important characteristics of a faulty bow.

3 Characteristics of a Faulty Bow

1. A faulty bow lacks consistency - such people do not stay true to their commitments.

2. A faulty bow fails under pressure - like a bow that misfires, such people cannot be trusted in crucial moments.

3. A faulty bow misses the mark - instead of aiming toward righteousness, they turn to sin and rebellion.

Becoming a faulty unreliable bow was the sin of the ancestors. Absalom and Judas are examples of our ancestors who became traitors.

God does not like it when you are like an undependable, unreliable, faulty bow! God is not happy when Christians walk in the sins of their fathers and ancestors. We must rather learn from the mistakes of the past.

The Ancestors: Absalom, Judas, Ham

Absalom: Absalom made a mistake and attacked his father. He was an unreliable son! He was a faulty bow! He was disloyal to his own father. Why should you grow up and commit exactly the same sin as your ancestors? If you become another Absalom, you have become as unreliable, disloyal and unfaithful as your ancestors.

Judas: Judas was another faulty bow! Judas was a betrayer! You must learn from Judas and never become a betrayer. The treachery of Judas has never been forgotten. Judas was untrustworthy! Judas was unreliable! Judas revealed things that Jesus would have preferred to keep private. Judas turned against Jesus Christ. Judas left the team! Judas had to be replaced! Judas was an evil man! Judas was full of the devil! Why on earth would you want to follow the way of Judas? Psalm 78 teaches us that we should not be like our disloyal and unfaithful

ancestors!

Judas made his mistake and turned against the Lord to his own demise. Judas committed suicide because he crossed a line and could not return. Why would you want to do the same thing that Judas did?

Years ago, a man called Uncle James said to me, "The devil has no new tricks. He keeps using the same tricks, and people keep falling for exactly the same things." The devil keeps turning people into Absalom and Judas and people keep falling into the same sins that their ancestors fell into.

They do not turn to the Most High; THEY ARE LIKE A FAULTY BOW. Their leaders will fall by the sword because of their insolent words. For this they will be ridiculed in the land of Egypt.

Hosea 7:16 (NIV)

HAM: Ham was yet another faulty bow. An inconsistent and unreliable son! A son should be the most supportive and dependable person. But Ham was not consistent, supportive or reliable. Ham tried to destroy his own father who had just saved him from the flood.

Ham, the son of Noah, attempted to humiliate, shame, embarrass and disgrace his father. What he got in return was a debilitating curse. God had made Noah into a great father of the whole earth. It was dangerous to attack or humiliate Noah. Yet, that is exactly what Ham did.

Today, the descendants of Ham are struggling with a million times more disgrace, poverty, lowness, inferiority, defeat, humiliation, hunger and shame. Ham sowed a seed of disgrace and shame and he and his descendants have reaped shame and disgrace.

Almost all of Ham's descendants are constant and continuous beggars on the world scene. Why on earth would anyone want to make the same mistake? This is why the psalmist laments about people following the sins of ancestors like Ham.

May God help us not to walk in the sins of disloyalty and unfaithfulness of our ancestors, Ham, Absalom and Judas!

May you not become an unreliable and inconsistent bow!

Chapter 7
Disloyal People Are Ungrateful People

So he said to the men of Peniel, "When I return in triumph, I will tear down this tower."... No sooner had Gideon died than the Israelites again prostituted themselves to the Baals. They set up Baal-Berith as their god and did not remember the Lord their God, who had rescued them from the hands of all their enemies on every side. THEY ALSO FAILED TO SHOW ANY LOYALTY TO THE FAMILY OF JERUB-BAAL (THAT IS, GIDEON) IN SPITE OF ALL THE GOOD THINGS HE HAD DONE FOR THEM.

Judges 8:9,33-35 (NIV)

The Israelites manifested a terrible ingratitude towards Gideon when they murdered his children. They should rather have shown kindness to Gideon's children as an act of appreciation and loyalty. The scripture above reveals that the forgetfulness of the Israelites was a terrible act of disloyalty and unfaithfulness.

Watch out for the ungrateful and unappreciative person! A person who does not display appropriate gratitude and appreciation is often an unpleasant and disloyal person. Loyalty is always manifested by grateful behaviour! Faithful people are grateful people!

Gideon fought for the Israelites and delivered them from the Midianites. He fought for them and risked his life many times to rescue them from the Midianites. In exchange for that, the people revolted against Gideon and his family and murdered seventy of his sons on one stone. In addition to that, they made the son of a slave girl the king over his people. For all that Gideon had done for them, the people showed no love or appreciation for him.

Loyalty is manifested when you are grateful for what has been done for you. Gratefulness is the appropriate response to kindness that has been shown to you.

Remembrance is a form of loyalty. When people do not remember anything that has happened in the past, they turn into disloyal, unfaithful, wicked and wretched people.

Notice how the last remaining son of Gideon warned those who had killed his siblings. He warned them that their disloyalty, ungratefulness and lack of remembrance towards Gideon, would surely not go unpunished. He cursed them and truly they were cursed!

Now therefore, IF YOU HAVE DEALT IN TRUTH AND INTEGRITY in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have dealt with him as he deserved- for MY FATHER FOUGHT FOR YOU AND RISKED HIS LIFE AND DELIVERED YOU from the hand of Midian; but you have risen against my father's house today and HAVE KILLED HIS SONS, SEVENTY MEN, ON ONE STONE, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your relative- if then you have dealt in truth and integrity with Jerubbaal and his house this day, rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.

But if not, LET FIRE COME OUT FROM ABIMELECH and consume the men of

Shechem and Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem and from Beth-millo, and consume Abimelech." Then Jotham escaped and fled, and went to Beer and remained there because of Abimelech his brother.

Judges 9:16-21 (NASB95)

The human race is teetering on the brink of destruction because of our ungratefulness. We are ungrateful to men and we are ungrateful to God. The descent of the human race into total perversion, total foolishness, total madness and total destruction is because men are not thankful for what God has done.

In the passage below, God gave up the human race three times. God gave them up three times because they were not thankful for who and what God was to them! Watch out for everyone who has contributed to your life. You need to be faithful to every single person who has contributed to your life.

BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY KNEW GOD. THEY GLORIFIED HIM NOT AS GOD, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

WHEREFORE GOD ALSO GAVE THEM UP TO UNCLEANNESS through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

FOR THIS CAUSE GOD GAVE THEM UP UNTO VILE AFFECTIONS: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

AND EVEN AS THEY DID NOT LIKE TO RETAIN GOD IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE, GOD GAVE THEM OVER TO A REPROBATE MIND, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 1:21-31

Chapter 8

Disloyal People Are Unfit for the Work of God

To the pure [in heart and conscience] all things are pure, but to the defiled and corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are defiled and polluted. They profess to know God [to recognize, perceive, and be acquainted with Him], but deny and disown and renounce Him by what they do; they are detestable and loathsome, unbelieving and DISOBEDIENT AND DISLOYAL AND REBELLIOUS, AND [THEY ARE] UNFIT AND WORTHLESS FOR GOOD WORK (DEED OR ENTERPRISE) OF ANY KIND.

Titus 1:15-16 (AMPC)

Disloyalty and rebellion make a person worthless! What can you do with a rebellious person?

This scripture reveals how disloyalty and unfaithfulness reduce a person's value in the most profound way. You make yourself worthless by dabbling in disloyalty, unfaithfulness, treachery, deception duplicity and wickedness!

When I think of the rebellious people I have encountered, I realize how their value has been reduced to almost zero. They are unfit for ministry work of any kind. Other sins do not have this effect of making you unfit for ministry in this ultimate and profound way. People fall into all other kinds of sins but are still able to function in the ministry. I have seen people laden with all kinds of sins, continuing to serve in the ministry.

But once people get into treachery, deception, betrayal, disloyalty, duplicity, duality, hypocrisy, pretence and wickedness they quickly become worthless and unfit for ministry work of any kind!

Most rebellious people are unable to build churches. They criticize and slander so much and yet they can do nothing much in ministry. I have watched and waited for many of my critics and haters to build something in the ministry, but alas, nothing much seems to be coming forth from them. Indeed, unfaithful people make themselves unfit for ministry.

One day, I had lunch with a great man of God from Nigeria called Archbishop Benson Idahosa. He told me something I have never forgotten.

He said, "No one should criticize me until the person has achieved 10 percent of what I have achieved."

Then he told me something I didn't know. He said, "70 percent of all pastors in Africa are my products or products of my products!"

And truly many of the pastors in Africa at that time were sons or products of Archbishop Benson Idahosa, directly or indirectly! Indeed, he had achieved a lot and yet many empty barrels and slanderers would criticize him bitterly, though they could not accomplish even 10 percent of his great achievements!

How to Reduce Your Value to Zero

Make yourself worthless by dabbling in disloyalty, unfaithfulness, treachery, deception duplicity and wickedness!

How good is an unfaithful person for God's work? How good is an unfaithful wife? Her value is almost zero! The unfaithful person reduces his value to almost zero! The disloyal are unfit for work of any kind.

This is what the opening scripture above is telling us! This is an amazing scripture that gives guidance to all employers. Do not accept or keep disloyal people. They are good for nothing. They are indeed a danger that you will constantly have to protect yourself from. Read the scripture for yourself!

To the pure [in heart and conscience] all things are pure, but to the defiled and corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are defiled and polluted. They profess to know God [to recognize, perceive, and be acquainted with Him], but deny and disown and renounce Him by what they do; they are detestable and loathsome, unbelieving and DISOBEDIENT AND DISLOYAL AND REBELLIOUS, AND [THEY ARE] UNFIT AND WORTHLESS FOR GOOD WORK (DEED OR ENTERPRISE) OF ANY KIND.

Titus 1:15-16 (AMPC)

The disloyal are unfit for employment in the government!

The disloyal are unfit for employment in private businesses!

The disloyal are unfit for employment in politics!

The disloyal are unfit for employment in the ministry!

The disloyal are unfit to be employed in any job!

Once a person becomes disloyal, he becomes worthless in the ministry. Disloyal and rebellious people are unfit for the work of God. Disobedient, disloyal and rebellious people are worthless in the house of God. You cannot do much with a disloyal person. You rather have to protect yourself from disloyal people.

Anyone who acts treacherously and moves in disloyalty is a dangerous person and is therefore worthless to you. How can a dangerous person be helpful to you? You rather need to spend time and energy protecting yourself from the traitor and mole in your midst.

1. A disloyal person is ready to betray, likely to betray and willing to betray you. This makes him unfit for any kind of work.

2. A disloyal person is deceptive, which makes him worthless.

3. A disloyal person is unstable and that makes him useless to the ministry.

4. A disloyal person is dangerous and that makes him a miserable person we don't need around us.

5. A disloyal person is hazardous and harmful.

6. A disloyal person is unreliable, untrustworthy and unfit for service.

7. A disloyal person is not what you think he is. He is worthless to you!

8. A disloyal person has a life of secrets and mysteries; and that makes him a dangerous person.

9. A disloyal person is a wicked man and may harm you if he gets the chance.

10. A disloyal person is a bad man acting as a good man, and that makes him unfit for the work of ministry.

11. A disloyal person is an impostor.

12. A disloyal person is an evil member of your team and that makes him useless to your cause.

The scripture is very clear: disobedient, disloyal people are unfit for the work of God. Disobedient, disloyal people are worthless for good work of any kind.

Disobedient, disloyal people are worthless, even when it comes to business.

Disobedient, disloyal people are worthless in the church.

Disobedient and disloyal people are useless for your ministry.

Cast Out the Scorner!

Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

Proverbs 22:10

This is why God wants you to cast out the scorner. He is worthless to the ministry. A scorner is useless to you. A scorner is against you, and he must go away.

God wants you to throw out the disloyal serpent in your midst. Of what use is a snake that is lying behind the curtain in the living room? It is only a danger to you. Of what use is this traitor in your camp? Cast out the scorner and strife, confusion and commotion will go away. Scorners and mockers are of no use to us in ministry. They must be discarded and gotten rid of.

Every disobedient person is also rebellious! Disobedient and rebellious people must leave.

Achan disobeyed Joshua's instructions and he paid the price for it. He was cast out of the glorious army. He was condemned to disappear into the ground forever with his family and all those associated with him.

All the rebels of your ministry are Achans who must be counted as a loss in the ministry. They will not march to the end of the glorious call and ministry God has given you. A great heap of stones will be raised up as a memorial for all to fear. May you never be an Achan!

And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:... And Joshua said, Why hast

thou troubled us? The LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

Joshua 7:19-20, 25-26

Chapter 9
Disloyal People Are Blasphemers

Therefore speak to the house of Israel, son of man, and say to them, 'This is what the Lord God says: "Again, in this your fathers have BLASPHEMED ME BY BEING DISLOYAL TO ME. When I had brought them into the land which I swore to give to them, then they saw every high hill and every tree thick with branches, and there they offered their sacrifices and there they presented the provocation of their offering. There also they made their soothing aroma and there they poured out their drink offerings.

Ezekiel 20:27-28 (NASB

The children of Israel did not remain faithful and loyal to God. As soon as they came into the land God had promised them, they were rather attracted to hills and trees and offered up sacrifices to the gods of wood, stone and silver. They could not stay loyal to God. They were not faithful to their Creator! This unfaithfulness was a great provocation to the Lord. It was because of this that the Lord equated disloyalty to blasphemy.

Blasphemy is defined as irreverent behaviour towards anything that is held sacred.

Therefore, disloyalty is irreverent behaviour against a sacred thing.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. AND HE OPENED HIS MOUTH IN BLASPHEMY AGAINST GOD, TO BLASPHEME HIS NAME, AND HIS TABERNACLE, AND THEM THAT DWELL IN HEAVEN And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Revelation 13:4-7

In the opening scripture, disloyalty is equated to blasphemy! That is serious! Blasphemy is an outrageous sin and is associated with the worst personalities in the Bible. The dragon, the beast and the Antichrist are well known in the Bible for blasphemy. The teachings on loyalty become even more important because the scripture equates disloyalty to blasphemy. Anyone who blasphemes is being disloyal and anyone who is disloyal is a blasphemer!

What is blasphemy? Blasphemy is an act of cursing or reviling God. Disloyalty is therefore just like cursing and reviling God.

Blasphemy is an outrageous departure from uprightness and holiness. Disloyalty is therefore an outrageous departure from uprightness and holiness. To God, disloyalty is a form of blasphemy.

People may blaspheme and slander you, but God will deal with all of them. Slanderers are cursed men!

Watch out for slanderers, rumour mongers, accusers and deceivers. They are cursed people because they have blasphemed. The end of all blasphemers and disloyal people will be fire, brimstone, cursing, vexation and desolation of long continuance. Disloyal people are cursed because they have walked in blasphemy and in irreverent behaviour toward God, His church and His servants.

Chapter 10

Disloyal People Will be Handed Over to the Enemy

The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their wrongdoing, BECAUSE THEY WERE DISLOYAL TO ME, AND I HID MY FACE FROM THEM; SO I HANDED THEM OVER TO THEIR ADVERSARIES, AND ALL OF THEM FELL BY THE SWORD. In accordance with their uncleanness and their offenses I dealt with them, and I hid My face from them.

Ezekiel 39:23-24 (NASB)

In this amazing prophetic warning, God denounced the disloyalty of the Israelites. He condemned them because they had been disloyal to Him. God declares three clear punishments for disloyalty:

1. God will hand you over to your enemies because of your disloyalty.

2. God will hide His face from you because of your disloyalty.

3. You will fall by the sword because of your disloyalty.

Disloyalty, treachery, wickedness, duality, duplicity, ungratefulness and forgetfulness are serious sins and will have serious consequences. For God to hide His face from you means that He does not want to see you or hear about you. It means that God wants to be disconnected from you! This is a very serious place to get to in your spiritual walk.

After God hides His face from you, He will hand you over to an enemy. He will hand you over to someone who does not love you or care for you.

In the history of Israel, Absalom the wicked son was handed over to Hushai the Archite. Hushai the Archite was a counsellor who hated and despised Absalom for his treachery, yet Absalom foolishly accepted the advice of Hushai the Archite over the advice of Ahithophel. Through the advice of Hushai the Archite, Absalom was eventually defeated. This is what happens to rebellious sons. They fall into the hands of their own enemies!

Absalom Was Handed to Hushai the Archite

Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he has to say." When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom said to him, "Ahithophel has spoken thus. Shall we carry out his plan? If not, you speak." So Hushai said to Absalom, "This time the advice that Ahithophel has given is not good." Moreover, Hushai said, "You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men and they are fierce, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father is an expert in warfare, and will not spend the night with the people. Behold, he has now hidden himself in one of the caves or in another place; and it will be when he falls on them at the first attack, that whoever hears it will say, 'There has been a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.' And even the one who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will completely lose heart; for all Israel knows that your father is a

mighty man and those who are with him are valiant men. But I counsel that all Israel be surely gathered to you, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea in abundance, and that you personally go into battle. So we shall come to him in one of the places where he can be found, and we will fall on him as the dew falls on the ground; and of him and of all the men who are with him, not even one will be left. If he withdraws into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city, and we will drag it into the valley until not even a small stone is found there." Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For the LORD had ordained to thwart the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that the LORD might bring calamity on Absalom. Then Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, "This is what Ahithophel counseled Absalom and the elders of Israel, and this is what I have counseled. Now therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, 'Do not spend the night at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means cross over, or else the king and all the people who are with him will be destroyed.'"

2 Samuel 17:5-16 (NASB95)

Today, many *orangus*, Judases, rebels, and breakaway pastors have been handed over to their enemies. God is hiding His face from them as they struggle in darkness and difficulty. They may put up a strong front, but they are struggling in the grips of enemies.

Disloyalty will lead to captivity, to difficulty and to darkness!

The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their wrongdoing, because they were disloyal to me, and I hid my face from them; so I HANDED THEM OVER TO THEIR ADVERSARIES, and all of them fell by the sword.

Ezekiel 39:23 (NASB)

May God deliver you from disloyalty so that you do not fall into the hands of an enemy!

May God never have a reason to hide His face from you and hand you over to an enemy!

"And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh." Ecclesiastes 12:12